

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
February 17, 2005

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on February 17, 2005.

The following members were present: Major General Denver Brackeen, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Ms. Patricia Randall and Mr. George Walker.
Members Absent: Mr. Chip Crane, Mr. Jimmy Murphy, Mr. Lawrence Warren, Mrs. Brenda Yonge and Ms. Veldore Young

SBCJC staff present: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Mr. John Adcock, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert and Mrs. Denise Walley.

Guest present: Dr. Bill Smith – Institutions of Higher Learning.

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

After welcoming everyone present, Mr. Walker asked Dr. Bradberry to report on the Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) enrollment. Dr. Bradberry provided "Exhibit G" of the February 18, 2005 meeting minutes. The MSVCC course enrollment has grown from 1,382 in Spring 2000 to 25,579 in Spring 2005. Also included on the last page of Exhibit G is the Assessment sent to the colleges to cover the \$10 fee for each student (per course) taken for the Spring semester, as approved by the Association in November 2004, in the amount of \$246,690.

Dr. Bradberry then gave an update of Workforce legislation that will be considered by various committees in the near future. The original bill was amended in a Senate Sub-Committee to our satisfaction. The Bill was then assigned to the Labor Committee on the House side where several amendments were made; however, we have not seen the amendments at this time.

Dr. Stonecypher reported on two (2) MACJC Committees that have recently met. One committee chaired by Dr. Howell Garner is working on the methodology of distributing career/technical education funds. A survey has been sent to the Presidents, Business Managers, Career/Technical Deans (Directors) and Workforce Directors to solicit opinions, which will then be compiled to help the Committee make a recommendation to the Association and SBCJC on how to disburse funds for Career-Technical education.

Another committee chaired by Dr. Ronald Whitehead is studying how we should fund Workforce Education. Dr. Stonecypher recommends finding a way to offer incentives to the colleges and looking internally for ways to improve Workforce efforts.

Mrs. Gilbert briefly reviewed the Finance agenda items, as follows:

1. Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for January 31, 2005, from Fund 4080 in the amount of \$2,298,223.70 and from Fund 4110 in the amount of \$53,748.92, for a combined total of \$2,351,972.62, shown as "Finance

Attachment 1" of the February 18, 2005 meeting minutes.

2. A follow-up to the Cost Allocation Study is divided into four (4) categories: (a) Formula with LBR; (b) Formula with Cost Allocation; (c) Formula with Arbitrary Weights Assigned; and (d) Results of Cost Allocation Study. These are shown as "Finance Attachments 2a – 2d" of the February 18, 2005, meeting minutes.
3. Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds, as of January 31, 2005. The statements are shown as "Financial Attachment 3a & 3b" of the February 18, 2005, meeting minutes.
4. A purchasing approval request for CISCO Smartnet Maintenance with Venture, for up to \$30,000. ITS has approved the agreement, which is shown as "Financial Attachment 4" of the February 18, 2005, meeting minutes.
5. A recap of Senate Bill 3061 (FY 2006 Administration) and Senate Bill 3062 (FY 2006 Support), shown as "Financial Attachments 5a and 5b" of the February 18, 2005, meeting minutes.
6. An audit by the State Auditor's Office was completed today with one (1) verbal finding regarding an exception on a leave request form and one (1) written finding that we will receive at a later date regarding a failure to reconcile the agency's bank accounts to the State Treasury's Collateral Sufficiency Analysis Reports.

Dr. Bradberry provided "Exhibit H", a chart created by Dr. Lavinia Sparkman (Vice President of Academic Affairs at East Central Community College and the Academic Deans Association Committee Chair) who is working on revising the Articulation Agreement. The chart lists questions and concerns regarding the revised articulation agreement on various courses.

Mr. John Adcock provided "Exhibit B" of the February 18, 2005, meeting minutes, which outlines the proposed curricula for various post secondary career technical courses that are being revised this year. Mr. Adcock explained the process of the curricula updates and stated that the Board will be asked to approve the changes at the meeting tomorrow.

Due to the fact that Dr. Larry Day will be unable to attend tomorrow's meeting, he reported that EdNet met on January 24, 2005. An appraisal of the first equipment to be sold has received a professional appraisal and should generate over \$100,000. The deadline for the RFP that EdNet issued to lease the excess EBS capacity was January 24. Eighteen (18) RFPs were issued and nine (9) proposals have been submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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